


REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that dependent Claims 11 and 20 contain allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if amended into independent form to include all of the features of their associated independent claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants have added the allowable subject matter of dependent Claim 11 into associated independent Claim 8, and Applicants have also added the allowable subject matter of dependent Claim 20 into associated independent Claim 19. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request an indication of the allowance of independent Claims 8 and 19 and associated dependent Claims 9 and 10.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would aid in the prosecution of the application, or that outstanding issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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